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Hunter Education Instructors,

I would like to extend a personal invitation to attend a 2013 Hunter Education (HE) Instructor Workshop. This regional training will be held in Sheridan at the WGFD Sheridan Region Office, 700 Valley View Drive, Saturday, **March 2nd** from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The HE workshop is intended to clarify the expectations for HE Instructors and to provide tools and techniques for engaging students.

As part of program efforts to stay current on changes which impact HE, we will review new Chapter 26 HE and Chapter 32 firearm regulation changes and discuss the how to best meet the needs of today's audience. HE Tools will be presented and offered to those teaching teams using laptop and PPT technologies in their classes. Hands-on activities, such as a Hunter Safety Trail for Field Days, will be demonstrated to encourage more instructors to adequately meet the requirements of assessing firearms handling. Bear awareness training aids will also be demonstrated.

This workshop is open to long time HE instructors as well as potential new instructors. The insights of our proven cadre members are valued by the HE teaching team and the opportunity to discuss issues and concerns is included in the agenda. This will be the only HE workshop scheduled for the Casper region in 2013. Instructors are invited to other regional workshops if this date does not fit into personal schedules. Another in-service workshop will take place in Jackson in August. The time frame is scheduled for a six hour work session with pizza and pop provided for a working lunch. The most important component of the agenda will be the programmatic changes and updates ensuring a consistent message to all those teaching and/or taking Wyoming HE.

The new instructor academy will be held at the WGFD Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp July 19th - July 21st and is open to any new (within the last two years) or pending instructors.

Registration is required for all workshops so equipment, supplies, and lunch can be provided at these sessions. If you have any questions please call Jim Dawson at (307) 473-3439 or Margaret James at (307) 777-4538. I hope to see you there and thanks for all that you do to build the foundation for future safe responsible hunters.

Sincerely,

Jim Dawson, WGFD Hunter Education Coordinator

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